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SUBJECT No. 154.

Life Insurance of non-officials.

Messrs. (*a*) Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur taluk; (*b*) N. Bheema Rao, Chitaldrug Municipality; and (*c*) Krishnamurthi and Maralu Siddappa, Arsikere taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) A local Government aided Insurance Company may be started or if that is not possible, the State Life Insurance may be thrown open to the public.

(*b*) At present, optional insurance is restricted to Government employees who are actually in service. Persons who were in service and who had insured their lives when in service but who have now become non-officials may also be granted the benefit of optional insurance.

(*c*) The Government officials are compelled to insure their lives. The patels and shanbhogs in the State may also be given the privileges of the State Life Insurance.

Messrs. V. Raghavachar and Hutchveeregowda supported *Mr. Singri Nanjappa*, the former adding that, if necessary, *premia* might be increased in order to avoid the possibility of competition with private companies.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao said that this question had come up for discussion several times during the last ten years and that as no private company had been established in the State during this period, non-officials might be admitted to State Life Insurance.

The Assembly was unanimous about such extension of the State Life Insurance.

Reply of Government.—As many people are in favour, the matter will be considered once more.

Note.—In his concluding address to the Assembly *the Dewan* announced that it was the pleasure of His Highness the Maharaja that the benefits of State Life Insurance might be thrown open to non-officials also.

SUBJECT No. 155.

Special funds for town improvement.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Large sums have been given for the improvement of the cities of Bangalore and Mysore; as taxes are paid by people all over the State, similar grants proportionate to the population of the areas concerned may be made for the improvement of District headquarters and other places. Good water-supply schemes are urgently needed in several places including Chikmagalur and the people of Chikmagalur would be satisfied if 2 lakhs of rupees were granted to their district for effecting improvements in water-supply, etc.

Reply of Government.—The case of Bangalore and Mysore which are the capital towns of the State and have a large population is different from that of moffussil places. Even moffussil places are not neglected. Only recently Davangere was given a grant for a water-supply project and in the current year's budget a sum of Rs. 75,000 has